

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

July 7, 2017

Dear Board of Selectmen Members:

This week's activities of note:

- I attended, along with Town Accountant Trudi Brazil and Chairman Wisotzky, the Truro Meetinghouse Celebration on Monday July 3rd. The event was well attended and many individuals were recognized for their assistance in the restoration effort.
- DPW Director Cabral and I attended the Board of Health meeting on Wednesday to discuss the new License Plate Recognition system at the Transfer Station and the challenges that staff are facing regarding the regulations.
- Preparations for the Board of Selectmen's meeting with part-time resident taxpayers are already underway. We hope that our part-time resident taxpayers will join us on the evening of **August 9th** at the Truro Community Center.
- Staff met to address the beach fire permitting process. The process will return to the online system to enable the public to request a beach fire permit without waiting in line or "camping out" at the Public Safety Facility. Information about requesting beach fire permits will be available on the Town website.
- Much of the week has been focused on wrapping up Fiscal Year 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, July 11, 2017-Truro Council on Aging Board @ Truro Community Center at 10:00am.
- Tuesday, July 11, 2017-Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Tuesday, July 11, 2017-Truro Bike and Walkway Committee @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 6:00pm.
- Wednesday, July 12, 2017-Herring River Restoration Committee @ CC National Seashore, Marconi Site at 9:30am.
- Friday, July 14, 2017-Pamet Harbor Commission with Rep. Sarah Peake @ Truro Town Hall at 1:30pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- The department increased patrols at various locations in town that normally are impacted by the July 4th holiday.
- The department conducted high visibility traffic enforcement in order to promote roadway safety.
- Members of the Truro Police Department assisted the Provincetown Police Department on July 4th with patrol and parade duties, as we have done historically.

Fire Department

- The department responded to 14 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 11 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 31 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- A motorcycle accident required a patient to be transported to a Boston area hospital by helicopter for further evaluation of injuries sustained as a result of the crash.
- As we move forward into the summer season, calls for mutual aid to surrounding communities have increased for both fire and EMS related calls. The ability to provide service is a testament to our mutual aid system here on Cape Cod.
- Chief Collins attended a meeting with the Barnstable County Fire Academy, Retired Fire Marshall Coan and the Provincetown and Wellfleet Chiefs to review a lesson plan for our annual regional training program in October. There will be a live fire component and propane emergencies with other programs (yet to be decided on) as well.

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Department of Public Works

- The water level in the area of Old County/Prince Valley Road culvert continues to drop due to the clearing of two additional culverts farther upstream from the road.
- All generators in public buildings have been serviced. Maintenance will be performed every six months.
- Three additional shed structures located at the Transfer Station will be removed. All storage of paint, batteries, oil filters, sharps containers, light bulbs, and other hazardous waste have been relocated into one shed structure. Each individual item has been assigned a flammable locker with the exception of light bulbs which are boxed up. Each locker is labeled and oil based paint is stored separately from latex paint. This will leave only one large shed structure, the single stream compactor, and the Swap Shop.
- License plate recognition officially kicked off on the 1st of July. All unregistered vehicles have been denied access to the Transfer Station and redirected to the Beach Office, Town Hall, or the Town website to register their vehicle. All unregistered vehicles have been tracked and repeat offenders are added to a hot list.
- Roadway sweeping and mowing continue, along with standard landscape maintenance along town roads and grounds. Frequency of catch basin cleaning has increased due to the amount of rain we have received this spring.
- Due to an incident that occurred over the holiday weekend, all ocean side beaches will now have no ORV signs posted.

Recreation/Beach

- The Truro Summer Rec Youth program began on Wednesday, July 5th, 2017 and the week included an ice skating trip, arts & crafts, games, and gardening.
- The Beach Office was busy over the holiday weekend selling over 800 beach stickers and over 200 transfer station permits.

Council on Aging

- Margie Childs, the Transportation Coordinator and Assistant to the Director, celebrates her last day at the Council on Aging on Monday, July 10th. Please stop in at the Community Center and wish Margie well in her retirement.
- COA Director Travers and Transportation Coordinator Childs met with the Director of Community Services from Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands for a Title III Transportation grant monitoring update on our FY18 grant cycle which will begin on October 1. The administration and the expending of the grant funds will be complete before September 30.
- Jean Stanley, the Housing Rehabilitation Program Manager from Community Development Partnership will be at the Council on Aging on Wednesday, July 12th at 1:00 pm to inform residents about funds that are available to pay for critical home repairs.

Harbor Master

- Harbor Master Jackett moved and adjusted moorings in the basin.
- Harbor Master Jackett added a dingy to accommodate transient moorings.
- The parking lot at the harbor has filled to capacity on the commercial bass days.
- Harbor Master Jackett added new dock lines and replaced fenders along the dock.

Library

- The Friends of the Truro Library and the Friends of the Truro Meeting House are co-sponsoring a talk by Stephen Kinzer on Tuesday, July 11th at 7:30 p.m. This event will be held at the Truro Meeting House.
- On Tuesday, July 11th at 10:30 a.m. kids will be able to learn about all marine mammals, from the seals, sharks and whales we have around here, to polar bears and manatees that live far away. Kids can also create a dolphin craft to take home.
- On Friday, July 14th at 10:00 a.m., Lucy Gilmore will be leading a STEAM Family Fair for children 3 to 8 years.
- Enclosed are photos from a Harry Potter 20th Anniversary Celebration that was held on Friday, June 30th.

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Administration

- Shell fishing permitting is going strong. To date for the 2017 season we have sold 35 one-week permits to visitors and 147 resident/non-resident annual permits.
- Seasonal rental registrations are still being submitted at a steady pace.

Attachments

- Photographs from the Truro Library's Harry Potter Anniversary Celebration.
- Helicopter transport photograph from Truro Fire Department.

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